In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

No. 07-0836V Filed: March 10, 2008

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DECISION¹

The above-named petitioner filed a Short-Form Autism Petition For Vaccine Compensation on November 30, 2007. Respondent filed a Motion to Dismiss on February 25,

¹ Because this decision contains a reasoned explanation for the undersigned's action in this case, the undersigned intends to post this decision on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002). As provided by Vaccine Rule 18(b), each party has 14 days within which to request redaction "of any information furnished by that party (1) that is trade secret or commercial or financial information and is privileged or confidential, or (2) that are medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." Vaccine Rule 18(b). Otherwise, "the entire" decision will be available to the public. Id.

2008, asking that the undersigned dismiss this petition because it was untimely filed.² Petitioner has essentially conceded respondent's motion. Petitioner filed a Motion for Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice on March 5, 2008, stating that "Petitioner believes she has no meritorious defense to the running of the statute of limitations in this matter." Motion for Voluntary Dismissal Without Prejudice at one.

Respondent's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**. Accordingly, the undersigned finds that petitioner's claim must be dismissed as petitioner has not proved by a preponderance of the evidence that the petition was filed within "36 months after the date of the occurrence of the first symptom or manifestation of onset or of the significant aggravation of such injury" as required by the Vaccine Act. Petitioner's claim is dismissed. The Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.

IT IS SO ORDERED.	
	Gary J. Golkiewicz
	Chief Special Master

²In relevant part, the Vaccine Act provides "in the case of"

a vaccine set forth in the Vaccine Injury Table which is administered after October 1, 1988, if a vaccine-related injury occurred as a result of the administration of such vaccine, no petition may be filed for compensation under the Program for such injury after the expiration of 36 months after the date of the occurrence of the first symptom or manifestation of onset or of the significant aggravation of such injury